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SUBJECT: OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO PRC

1. US EXPRESSION OF CONCERN AND OFFER OF ASSISTANCE WAS MADE TO PRC AFTERNOON OF JULY 29 BY A HAND-DELIVERED LETTER FROM USLO CHIEF TO FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA.

2. WE ORIGINALLY ASKED, MORNING OF JULY 29, FOR APPOINTMENT FOR USLO DEPUTY CHIEF WITH MFA AMERICAS AND OCEANIAN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR LIN PING, MENTIONING FACT IT WAS BUSINESS RELATED TO EARTHQUAKE. ABOUT THREE HOURS LATER WE WERE TOLD THAT LIN WAS EXTREMELY BUSY, BUT THAT ANY MESSAGE WE HAD, ORAL OR IN WRITING, WOULD BE PASSED TO HIM.

3. TEXT OF LETTER SENT TO FOREIGN MINISTER READS AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER: I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO CONVEY TO YOU THE GREAT CONCERN WITH WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED THE REPORTS OF THE MAJOR EARTHQUAKE THAT HAS JUST OCCURRED IN YOUR COUNTRY.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED ME TO INFORM YOU THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO BE HELPFUL IN WHATEVER WAY YOU THINK WOULD BE USEFUL. THIS ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED THROUGH WHATEVER CHANNELS YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE.

MAY I ADD MY APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS BY THE
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CHINESE AUTHORITIES TO ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF MEMBERS

OF THE US LIAISON STAFF AND VISITING AMERICANS AFFECTED
BY THE EARTHQUAKE. SINCERELY, THOMAS S. GATES, CHIEF
US LIAISON OFFICE. END QUOTE.
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